

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable David E. Price
Chairman
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
B-307 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hal Rogers
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
1001 Longworth House Office Bldg.
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Rogers:

As your Subcommittee begins its work on the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010, we respectfully request \$850 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). This funding will ensure that our first responders and law enforcement officers in high-risk cities have the resources they need to carry out their responsibilities for terrorism prevention, protection, and response.

National security is one of our nation's highest priorities, and the UASI grant program makes certain that our community leaders, first responders and law enforcement are able to properly prepare for any national disaster, including a terrorist attack, in our nation's highest risk areas. We need to provide them with consistent and necessary resources to do their job.

Last year, the House agreed to fund UASI at a level of \$850 million by a vote of 268 - 150 (Roll no. 491). In order to ensure that high-risk urban areas receive adequate grant awards to fulfill their responsibilities, we strongly encourage your committee to fund the UASI program in Fiscal Year 2010 at \$850 million.

We hope the Appropriations Subcommittee will keep our request in mind as it begins its work on the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010. Thank you for your consideration of this important request, and we look forward to working with you to protect our communities.

Sincerely,


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